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In re Application of: : Before the Examiner:
Achtermann et al. : Todd, Gregory

Serial No.: 09/438,436 : Group Art Unit: 2157

Filed: November 12, 1999 :
Title: AN APPARATUS FOR : IBM Corporation
CONNECTION MANAGEMENT : Intellectual Property Law
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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 and M.P.E.P. §608.02, Applicants respectfully request that the changes shown in red to the attached drawings (Figures 1, 3A, 3C, 3D and 5) be approved by the Examiner in the above-identified application.

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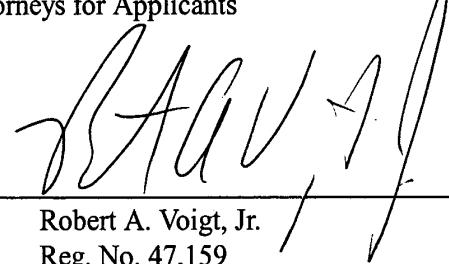
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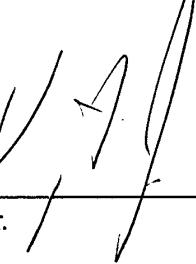
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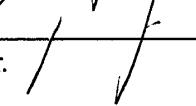
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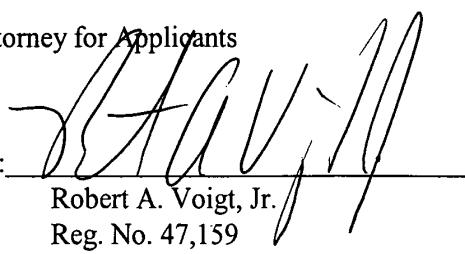
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